



2006 ARMED FORCES MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIP

1. COMPETITION RULES: Current United States Bowling Congress (USBC) Rules for men and women, as amended by the Armed Forces Sports Council (AFSC), if applicable. The event is sanctioned by USBC.

2. TOURNAMENT FORMAT: The Armed Forces Championship is conducted in conjunction with the Team USA National Bowling Championship. Each bowler will bowl a total of 24 games in three eight-game blocks:

3. SCORING: All bowling is on a scratch basis. Total pin fall through 24 games determines standings in the following categories:

- a. Women's Singles (total pins – 24 games)
- b. Men's Singles (total pins – 24 games)
- c. Team Challenge (total pin fall – All Men – 24 games /All Women - 24 games)

NOTE: If any Service Branch field a team with only five women competitors, teams with six women will count only the five highest scores. If any Service Branch field a team with only four women competitors, only the top four highest scores will be totaled for all other opposing teams.

Teams must have a minimum of four women competitors to participate.

4. TIE BREAKER POLICY:

a. Singles: Individuals involved in a tie for first, second, or third place bowls a complete game until tie is broken.

b. Team Challenge: If first, second or third place teams are tied at the completion of 24 games, all six bowlers from teams involved in tie bowls one frame until the tie is broken.

5. FACILITY AND EQUIPMENT: Pins, balls and lane specifications outlined in current USBC Rules.

6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Day One Teams Arrive

Day Two Registration
 Practice Sessions and Ball Weigh-in
 Organizational Meeting

Welcome Reception -Team members must attend the event in their service polo shirt with slacks (color determined by Service), and appropriate foot wear (no sneakers and sandals). Male personnel cannot wear earrings.

Note: Bowlers will be placed in squads as determined by the Tournament Director. Each day is divided into two sessions.

Day Three First Day of Competition – 8 games
 Team Photos (as scheduled per LOI)

Day Four Second Day of Competition – 8 games

Day Five Third Day of Competition – 8 games

Awards Ceremony - Service teams are required to wear like-Service issued team apparel or competitive uniforms at the awards ceremony. Individual athletes who do not comply will not receive awards or be selected to the Armed Forces team.

Day Six Teams Depart

7. AWARDS:

a. Individual: Awards are given to the first, second and third place singles competitors in the men's and women's categories.

b. Team Award: Individuals awards are given to each member of the first and second place men's teams and to each member of the first and second place women's teams (to include the OIC/Coach). **Fourteen medals presented if two service teams win (seven medals required for each winning team).**

8. TEAM COMPOSITION - ARMED FORCES CHAMPIONSHIP:

Roster not to exceed 13 individuals:

6 Males

6 Females

1 Coach /OIC (can be participant or non-participant)

Note: All participants must be on active duty during the period of the complete event. Alternates are not permitted.

9. DRESS CODE: Collared shirts, dress slacks with out patch pockets for men; collard shirts, dress slacks, skirts, or walking shorts for women (all skirts or shorts must be longer than the fingertips when arms are held straight down by the side while standing), Absolutely no cut-offs, jeans of any color, spandex, or warm-ups allowed. **Penalty:** Athletes not properly attired will not be permitted to bowl until the discrepancy is corrected and receive (0) for all frames missed.

10. PROTESTS: Protest on rules or eligibility are handled by the tournament committee (Service Representatives). Their ruling on all matters is made at the time of the protest and will be final.

11. OTHER TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES: Bowlers must be ready to bowl at the stipulated starting time for assigned squad. Shadow bowling is determined by the Tournament Director.

12. ROSTERS: All Service Team Rosters for the Armed Forces Championship must be turned in to Host Project Officer as dictated by the time lines as outlined for the Nationals.